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Greetings PYC members! We are into week 7 of the Covid-19 Lock Down and we still have no clue when we will be able to re-open our Club and get back onto the water.

Whilst my wife and I have used some of this time to expand on our limited culinary skills, it was with great delight that we received the Eat Greek delivered catering menu and placed our order. As we have become accustomed the food has been incredibly tasty, with the bonus of less pots and pans to wash up on some evenings. The Baklava and Kataifi stood no chance and was consumed with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. It is too early to decide which meal is our favourite as we haven't yet worked our way through each of the servings ordered, but the Moussaka stands a good chance!

A message from Lorna in accounts is that she has around R6,000 in transfers into the Club bank account that have no reference at all to who the payer was. What is apparent is that these payments were for the Club Vouchers, so, if you have paid money for vouchers but have not yet received an e-mail from the Club Manager with your vouchers, please contact Lorna on accounts@pyc.co.za and include proof of your transfer so that these payments can be allocated. For all payments into the Club account please always use your Club account number/membership number as the reference.

Despite the Club being closed and there being no action on the water, there remains plenty going on in the background. As we knew it would, the inclusion of beach-site membership subscriptions in the published subs which were circulated a week or two back did not escape attention. It had been the intention of Gencom to hold a Special General Meeting during April to not only have the subs ratified, but to also obtain consent from the members to re-open beach-site membership categories, both for individuals as well as families. Lock Down put paid to any SGM during April, and now during May too, and with the new financial year commencing on 1 June we have an urgent issue to deal with.

Not only do we have new members wishing to join PYC specifically as Beach-site members, but we also have former Beach-site members who have retained full membership at PYC in anticipation of the new Beach-site opening, and we cannot expect those people to pay another year of full membership. It has accordingly become an urgent matter to bring to resolution.

So, after taking advice from some of our senior members, your General Committee has chosen out of necessity to stick our collective neck out in order to achieve the result that we believe is best for both the Club as well as the Members. We trust that this boldness will be accepted in the same manner with which it was exercised, and that you will support your General Committee for having made this move.

The General Committee voted unanimously in response to a detailed proposal circulated via e-mail, to approve the introduction of the Beach-site Ordinary, and Beach-site Family membership categories with effect 1 June 2020, with the requirement that this decision is ratified at a Special General Meeting of members once the easing of Lock Down permits. The office staff have accordingly been advised and instructed to act upon the irequests of those members wishing to revert to Beach-site status, as well as to accept new Beach-site membership applications. The subscriptions as circulated will be applicable.

The terms and conditions of the Beach-site membership will be published in due course, but in effect such memberships are entitled to usage of the Beach-site facilities only, while the current membership categories will enjoy both the Beach-site and Bay-site facilities.

The re-drawn plans for our Beach-site have been submitted to the DPDC and we await their approval in order that the construction and fit-out can begin.

Much remains beyond our direct control, but hopefully the above indicates that we are doing the best that we can under the circumstances.

Stay safe,

MYLES WHITE
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